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TO : FE -- W. Averell Harriman

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SUBJECT : GRC Operations Against the China Mainland

Here we go again. While Washington works out its estimate of GRC capabilities against the China mainland, the Intelligence Division, Pacific Command, goes its own contrary way. The following statements speak for themselves:

SNIE 13-3-62: "Even if GRC special forces could be successfully established on the mainland, they would almost certainly be destroyed in a short time. Very few people and no significant military units would be likely to join the GRC forces in the absence of clear military success -- which we believe would be impossible without large-scale US support....In the unlikely event that Communist control of the mainland were threatened, the Soviet leaders would almost certainly support the regime to the extent necessary to put down the rebellion."

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Weekly Intelligence Digest 13-62: "It is unlikely that any truly convincing estimate of the potential success of Chinese Nationalist operations can be given until and unless test cases have been made. The best that can be said is that a well planned operation just might strike the spark that would lead to widespread uprisings, with undeterminable consequences."

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